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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/003,635

Applicant(s)

SALAMONE ET AL.

Examiner

Kuo-Liang Peng

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/1/05 Amendment.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-6 and 14-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-13 and 19-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Applicants' amendment filed on August 1, 2005 was received. Claims 1-6 and 14-18 are withdrawn. Claim 7 is amended. Now, Claims 7-13 and 19-28 are pending for consideration.
2. Claim rejection(s) under 35 USC 102 and 103 in the previous Office Action (Paper No. 0405) is/are removed.
3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action (Paper No. 0405).

Specification

4. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

As mentioned in the previous Office action (Paper No. 0405), the CHART 1 in page 18 is improper. Applicants are advised to replace it with a formal drawing with a corresponding Brief Description of Drawing.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. Claims 7-9, 19-20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takeichi (US 5 700 874).

Takeichi discloses a polymeric composition derived from an aryloxysilyl containing monomer and butadiene, styrene, vinyl naphthalene, etc., which can contain the moieties of General Formula (II). Note that Applicants do not define specifically what and how much strengthening effect of the strengthening agents. Therefore, butadiene and styrene, etc. certainly can also function as strengthening agents. (col. 2, lines 2-46, col. 4, lines 18-61, col. 5, line 62 to col. 6, line 3 and col. 7, line 7 to col. 8, line 18)

6. Claims 7-13 and 19-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fujitani (JP 09-221530).

Fujitani discloses a polymeric composition derived from at least one heterocycle-containing siloxane monomer and at least one comonomer, e.g., hydrophobic comonomers, hydrophilic comonomers, etc. ([0006]-[0013] and Examples) The hydrophilic comonomers and the hydrophobic comonomers are exemplified in [0018]-[0019]. The strengthening agents such as cyclohexyl (meth)acrylate, etc. can be used. ([0019]) A crosslinker such as ethylene glycol

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di(meth)acrylate, etc. can be used. ([0020]) English translation of Fujitani has been requested by Examiner. It will be available later upon Applicants' request.

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kuo-Liang Peng whose telephone number is

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(571) 272-1091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are

unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski, can be reached on

(571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application

or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an

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at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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October 7, 2005


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